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| Applicants:     | Carlos Fides, et al.                           | Docket No.           | 60655.2400          |
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Dear Commissioner:

A Reply to the August 17, 2005 Final Office Action was filed on October 7, 2005, which is within two months of the mailing date of the Final Office Action, thus entitling Applicants to an Advisory Action. The abandonment date is February 12, 2006, so Applicants would appreciate an Advisory Action in the first week of February to allow time to report to our client and prepare the appropriate reply.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 1/30/06  
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